

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated June 21, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 4-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4 and 8 are independent claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 5-7 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,240,240 to Nagano ("Nagano") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,307,173 to Yuen ("Yuen"). Claims 4, 8 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Nagano in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,187,589 to Kono ("Kono"). This position is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are allowable over Nagano in view of Yuen and in view of Kono for at least the following reason.

The Office Action has taken the position that "the claim does not require the bars to physically and graphically overlap ..." (See, Office Action, page 2, lines 16-18.) This position is respectfully refuted. It is not clear how an overlapping and

overlapped bar can be provided without the bars overlapping in position. The Office Action appears to take the position that since the bars depict events that overlap, the bars must overlap at least in time. This position is not supported by FIGs. 15A and 15B which depict events that overlap, yet the bars do not overlap. However, in the interest of expediting examination and allowance of the present application, the claims are amended to clarify that the overlapping and overlapped bar overlap in position. No new matter is added by this amendment nor should a further search be required as the claims already required this as was previously pointed out.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the method of Claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Nagano in view of Yuen or in view of Kono. For example, Nagano in view of either Yuen or Kono does not disclose or suggest, a method that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis provided) "displaying programs or parts of programs overlapping in time as partially overlapping such that the length and position of an overlapping and overlapped bar still indicates the duration and time of transmission of the corresponding program, wherein the overlapping and overlapped bar overlap in position" as

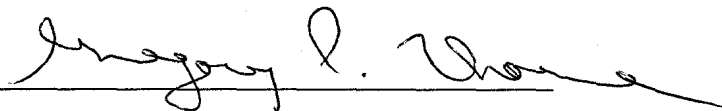
required by Claim 1, and as substantially required by each of Claims 4 and 8.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1, 4 and 8 are patentable over Nagano in view of either of Yuen or Kono and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 5-7 and 9-20 respectively depend from one of Claims 1, 4 and 8 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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